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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 6, please insert:

-- This is a continuation application of Application No. 09/070,437, filed April 30, 1998,
the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 23-42.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An integrated circuit manufacturing system comprising:
(a) a plurality of interrelated integrated circuit manufacturing tools capable of operating
in parallel on a plurality of semiconductor wafers;